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REQUEST FOR SPECIAL FUNDS FOR REPAIR OF DAMAGED MINING PROPERTY (1 page; German; 9 Nov. 51)

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This document is a [ ] memo from Selbmann, Minister of Heavy Industry, to the Investments Section of the State Planning Commission requesting that 477,000 DM be planned for reconstruction of installations belonging to the VEB Zinnerz (People-Owned Plant "Tin Ore") in Altenburg. This plant, which belongs to the VVB Buntmetall (Federation of People-Owned Plants for Non-Ferrous Metals), ~~had~~ had a large fire which destroyed ~~the~~ stamp mill, all the workshops for the handworking of metal, the ore bunker, and other installations. The reconstruction work has already been started, on the basis of an approval from the head of the former Main Administration for Metallurgy, in order to avoid any greater loss of production than necessary. It is requested that an advance of 150,000 DM be approved to pay for the work that has already been done.

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BRIEF STATUS REPORT ON METALS PRODUCTION FOR FIRST HALF OF 1951 (3 pages; German; 31 Aug

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Insufficient numbers of orders were received, especially for semi-manufactures.

There were shortages of copper, lead, tin, zinc, and nickel because of non-arrival of imports. Preparations have been made to process the nickel ores which arrived from Norway. Smelting operations will begin during the second half of the year.

The Auerhammer plant has done further development work on magnetic materials.

A plant for rolling aluminum foil was put into operation on 1 May. For the most part it has been operating only experimentally, to train the operating personnel. The operation of the plant was delayed because spare rolls, a grinding machine, and oil which were on order in the West were not forthcoming.

Bemehawe [sic] has started rolling 22-millimeter tubes and is in a position to produce tubes as small as 10 millimeters.

A shortage of tin led to experimental work on aluminum bronze. One type of aluminum bronze wire appears good, although the problem of welding is not yet settled. It is hoped that during the second half of the year a large ~~piece~~ <sup>rod</sup> wire for weaving can be made of aluminum bronze.

On 1 March the VVB Alu (Federation of People-Owned Plants for Aluminum) was dissolved. The Rackwitz plant was placed ~~under~~ directly under the central administration, the Merseburg and Finkenheerd plants under the VVB Buntmetall (Non-Ferrous Metals), and the Berlin plants (Oberschoeneweide Metallurgical Plant, Berlin Semi-Manufactures Plant in Nieder-Schoeneweide, and Sonderbronze [Special Bronze]) under the People-Owned Berlin Metal Foundries and Semi-Manufactures Plants.

Cooperation with other offices and with the Soviet Corporations was excellent.

The Magnesium Advisory Office has not showed any great results, mainly because designers do not pay sufficient attention to the potentialities of magnesium. Particularly in the case of vehicle construction more attention should be paid to raw material sources within the GDR, in order to conserve on non-ferrous metals.

The Quality Control [Office] operated well during the period, <sup>making</sup> ~~issuing~~ ~~keeping~~ regular checks on number of rejects, etc. and reducing the number by/special instructions. Recipients of goods had no major complaints.

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